# AIRBORNE 173RD

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## **SCOTT JAY BAILEY**

"A" Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion (Mechanized), 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Sergeant, E5, RA18814023, MOS 11B40 Home of Record: Salt Lake City, UT

Date of Birth: April 28, 1949, Age at time of loss: 19, Married 173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate), Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam Start of Tour: October 20, 1968, Date of Casualty: January 15, 1969, Days in Country: 87 Casualty Type A1, Gun, Small arms fire (Should be: A1, MFW), Panel 34W - Row 004

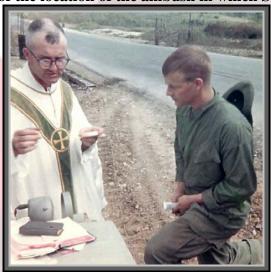
Scott Bailey was killed in action during an ambush on Highway 19 West of An Khe. The Daily Staff Journal for the date reads: (The 1st Platoon)"A" 1/50th with 1 (M48) tank (1/69th Armor) made contact in the vicinity of Strong Point #4 with an enemy force armed with small arms, 60mm Mortars, B40 Rockets and anti-tank grenades. The entire element received intense fire with 2 Armored Personnel Carriers (APCs) hit by B40 Rockets. Two additional Platoons from "A" Company reacted swiftly and the enemy broke contact & attempted to withdraw. The 2 APCs were destroyed and the M48 Tank was damaged. There were 11 U.S. men wounded and 2 killed. The enemy had 10 killed and 1 man captured. Killed in this action along with Scott Bailey was **Austin Chenoweth.** 

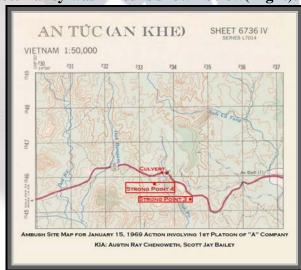


Six days later, an ambush set by company A's 2nd platoon exacted revenge on the enemy for the men killed on January 15th. Read the After Action Report:

### http://www.ichiban1.org/pdf/Memorial/DakPo.pdf

Scott Bailey receiving Holy Communion not long before his death (Below left). A map of the location of the ambush in which Scott Bailey was killed is shown below(Right):





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Photos taken of the Ambush Site & destroyed APC (Contributed by Bob O'Connor, Mortars, 1st Platoon):





Scott Bailey is buried at Fort Douglas Cemetery, 379 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah.





### SCOTT BAILEY'S AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:



Combat Infantry Badge

